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1. Indonesia

The army leaders still face a slippery situation.

There has been fighting in Central Java, but the army is very likely giving out exaggerated accounts of events there in order to counter attempts by Sukarno to depict the situation as having returned to normal.

The generals realize they face serious obstacles in central and eastern Java where the Communists are entrenched. To counter this, army units of doubtful loyalty are being removed to Sumatra and Borneo, and anti-Communist youths are being armed.

In Djakarta the army command is beginning to give thought to economic aspects of their struggle with the Communists. For one thing there is concern that rice distribution patterns could break down in the event of serious fighting in Central Java, leaving the greater Djakarta area in short supply.

The generals are also worried that US-owned oil installations and rubber estates are natural targets for Communist sabotage.

2. North Vietnam

North Vietnamese antiaircraft gunners apparently shot down one of their own planes which got in the way while US aircraft were destroying the strategic highway bridge at Kep, northeast of Hanoi, yesterday. We have intercepts of both a surface-to-air missile communicator and a North Vietnamese pilot referring to such an incident.

Photography has now confirmed the existence of 32 surface-to-air missile sites in North Vietnam.

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3. South Vietnam

Only one incident marred today's celebration of the second anniversary of the overthrow of the Diem regime. An unidentified man wearing the robes of a Buddhist monk set fire to himself in Saigon. The incident does not have the look of a Buddhist political protest, however, and there have been no other indications of such a move.

4. Dominican Republic

With one day yet to go, the holiday weekend has been relatively quiet.

Leftist agitators are holding out the threat of a strike sometime this week in an effort to force the Inter-American Peace Force out of the rebel zone.

Garcia Godoy says he is trying to work out a package deal on personnel shifts. The deal would involve a change in armed forces chiefs and the dismissal of objectionable appointees like pro-Communist Attorney General, Morel Cerda. It would also include the exile of certain rebel leaders starting with Caa-mano.

The provisional president told Ambassador Bunker that he hoped to announce these changes tomorrow. He has not yet, however, broached the matter to the service chiefs, so there may well be slippage in this timing.

5. Burundi

Chances of new clashes will rise sharply if the King goes through with plans to leave the country, perhaps today.

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His departure would remove one of the few moderating factors in the situation. It might well open the way for the Chinese Communists to reinsert themselves into this part of Africa and give new heart to the tattered Congolese rebels across the border.

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6. Israel

A new rash of incidents is keeping the borders between Israel and its Arab neighbors in turmoil. Last week, the Israelis carried out another reprisal raid, this one into Lebanon. Then, over the weekend, Israeli and Jordanian border forces exchanged gunfire on several occasions.

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